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Dear Harold,

As you can imagine from my long delay in mailing, I've been quite busy with schoolwork. More than ever before I've had to make assassination work a second priority, and devote what time I have to reading, of which there is much. I try to read the letters I get when they arrive, but there is no telling when I'll get to answer them, or in what detail.

Last week was my spring break of the semester, and while I devoted most of it to school work, I took 4 days off to go camping in the Shenandoah Nat'l Park in Va. It was great! I went with but one friend (the one who Lattimer has decided is a doctor) and, because I still do not drive, he was forced to do all the driving. We were forced by some uncongenial circumstances to leave suddenly one night, and we were almost certain we couldn't make the whole drive back to Phila. ~~XXX~~ Luckily, we made it back easier than expected, but we came really close to stopping off in Frederick (which is almost on the way). We were going to call you; I guess it was around 9:00 last Wednesday night. I'm sorry we didn't get to visit you and Lil, but my friend wanted to get back, and it is probably better that we did.

You sent a note asking if I could read the carbon of PM epilogue. I think I'll be able to do that, although I can't promise any detailed remarks. ...re you note on Ned, I don't think there is anything for me to tell you. I've had no contact with him since the one telephone conversation. He wrote me subsequently and I didn't even bother to respond. I later wrote Sylvia that I distrusted Ned and felt him utterly incompetant, and she responded that she would be more careful in her dealings with him.

The more I think about the Wecht-pix-X-rays business, the less certain I am of my position. I have encountered the most vehement and bitter opposition from Sylvia, in response to my letter to her explaining my position. I really must discuss the matter with you in person. Of course, that will have to wait.

I've received the transcript of the NBC China Special which you so highly praised. It's incredible. Thank you for directing me to it. I'm sorry I hadn't paid more attention to China before, for I am only now beginning to learn about the country.

Well, there's much to be done. Send my regards to Lil, and I hope you both are well.

Best,

Howard